

Hampshire and the WasteCap Resource Conservation Network.

A recipient of the Harry S. Truman Scholarship, Thomas Burack is also the founding President of the Truman Scholars Association and a member of the Board of Trustees of the George C. Marshall Foundation of Lexington, Virginia.

Thomas Burack has proven himself to be an outstanding citizen, volunteer and a resource to his surrounding community. It is an honor to represent him in the United States Senate.●

TRIBUTE TO RYAN BELANGER FOR HIS HEROIC RESCUE

● Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to an individual who has distinguished himself in the State of New Hampshire by performing the outstanding heroic act of saving the life of a resident of the town of Bedford.

Ryan Belanger acted selflessly on April 9th, 2000, to rescue resident Paula Halla, only moments before her car exploded. Paula's car had been struck off the road by a tree that fell during a storm, leaving her trapped in the burning vehicle anxiously awaiting rescue crews.

Belanger, who noticed the vehicle after also striking the fallen tree, checked on the passengers in his vehicle and immediately rushed to the aid of Paula. Without hesitation, Ryan Belanger began to attempt to put out the fire, and pulled Paula from the burning car only moments before it exploded.

Citing his late grandfather's influence and love of life, Belanger stated, "He was my father, and made me who I am. If it wasn't for him, I wouldn't have pulled that lady out of the car." Had Ryan not acted with haste, Paula would have most likely been killed in the incident. Instead, she escaped with minor bruises and cuts.

I am honored to recognize a true American hero, and to commend him on his successful efforts to rescue a fellow resident of the state. He quickly rescued Paula Halla from her vehicle, saving her life. He is an inspiration to the town of Bedford, his home town of Manchester, and the state and nation as a whole. I applaud his courage and perseverance in the daring rescue. It is truly an honor and a pleasure to represent him in the United States Senate.●

TRIBUTE TO EILEEN KENNEDY

● Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to Eileen Kennedy, a business reporter for the Nashua Telegraph, for receiving the United States Small Business Administration's 2000 "Women in Business Advocate of the Year" award.

Eileen's hard work and dedication clearly placed her at the top, as this was the first time a reporter has been selected for this award. Through

profiling local small business women, she has demonstrated compassion and understanding for the difficulties they face, and has acted as an advocate of their accomplishments.

A staff reporter at the Nashua Telegraph since May 1998, Eileen has frequently written on issues involving high-tech businesses, with particular attention paid to those owned and managed by women. She has effectively educated the surrounding community on small business leaders throughout the state.

As a former small business owner in the state, I commend Eileen Kennedy for her contribution. It is truly an honor to represent them in the United States Senate.●

TRIBUTE TO CAROLYN MARTIN

● Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to Carolyn Martin of the Keene Sentinel for being honored as the 2000 "Small Business Journalist of the Year" by the United States Small Business Administration.

Carolyn not only covers news and feature stories, but underscores the unique needs and accomplishments of small businesses and the men and women who lead them as well. Over the past year, she has helped increase public awareness of small business issues and reported on community service aimed at enhancing small business opportunity and growth.

Carolyn brings many qualifications with her to the job, as she has worked as a print and broadcast journalist in Annapolis, Maryland, and Mobile, Alabama. She also served as the senior communications officer with the American Association for the Advancement of Science and was Vice President of Community Development for the Chamber of Commerce in Mobile, Alabama.

As a former small business owner in the state, I commend Carolyn for her hard work and dedication. It is truly an honor to represent her in the United States Senate.●

TRIBUTE TO JOSEPH C. LEDDY

● Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to Joseph C. Leddy, CEO of Work Opportunities Unlimited, Inc., for being named the 2000 "Small Business Person of the Year" by the United States Small Business Administration.

Joseph founded the company in 1982, where it began as a local leader in the field of vocational training and employment placement. Presently, it brings in approximately \$12 million a year and employs over 500 people in 27 offices throughout four New England states.

Work Opportunities Unlimited assists individuals with disabilities, veterans, young adults, at-risk youth and others with locating employment, and has used previous Small Business Ad-

ministration funding to catapult their business to the forefront of the field.

In addition to his work with Work Opportunities Unlimited, Joseph has held numerous positions in the Department of Education, worked as a Blind Rehabilitation Specialist with the Veterans Association and taught at New Hampshire Technical College.

A valuable resource to the state and to New England, it is my honor and a great pleasure to represent Joseph Leddy in the United States Senate.●

TRIBUTE TO THE TOWN OF SALEM

● Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to the town of Salem on its 250th anniversary, an important and historic milestone.

Since being incorporated as a town on May 11, 1750, Salem has provided its residents with a safe place to raise families in a convenient location on the border of New Hampshire and Massachusetts. This thriving community boasts countless recreational opportunities. Canobie Lake attracts boaters, fishermen and those just looking for a peaceful place to relax. People from all over New England flock to Canobie Park to enjoy a day of games and fun during the summer months, and those who are looking for a little history can visit America's Stonehenge.

Salem's 26,000 residents have seen a great amount of change throughout its 250 years. The town is now home to numerous industrial firms, and will soon welcome Cisoq to the growing number of businesses that call Salem home. Salem also offers numerous shopping outlets, most notably the Mall at Rockingham Park, with opportunities for great tax-free shopping.

Salem is also home to some very talented athletes. Olympic Women's Hockey Gold Medalist Katie King was a multi-sport star at Salem High before the world took notice in Nagano in 1998. And Salem High's softball team is a perennial state power, taking the state title once again this year.

Salem is also a very politically active town as it recently opened its Republican Town Committee offices. Also, the town has come together to celebrate its 250th anniversary, celebrating with events that began with a tremendous First Night party to mark the year 2000 and will culminate with a party on the Fourth of July. Once again, I want to congratulate the town of Salem on its 250th anniversary. It is an honor to serve its citizens in the United States Senate.●

TRIBUTE TO THE BELKNAP COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GROUP

● Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to the Belknap County Economic Development Group for receiving the 2000 United States Small Business Administration's New Hampshire "Financial Services Advocate of the Year" award.